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Train Time for Santa! All Aboard for the Holidays at the California State Railroad Museum

*Enjoy a Toy Train Holiday over the Thanksgiving Weekend, and Ride
Steam Trains with Santa Aboard November 24-26 and December 9-10*

SACRAMENTO – Over the three day weekend following Thanksgiving (November 24-26), and continuing the second weekend of December (December 9-10), the California State Railroad Museum will be bringing holiday cheer to Sacramento! The whole family will enjoy visiting North America's finest and most-popular railroad museum—located at Old Sacramento State Historic Park—during the 2006 holiday season.

Over the three-day Thanksgiving Weekend only, enjoy a Toy Train Holiday of toy and model trains on exhibit inside the Railroad Museum. Operating modular layouts from regional model railroad and toy train clubs will be highlighted, and guests won't want to miss the Railroad Museum's permanent exhibit *Small Wonders: The Magic of Toy Trains*. Showcasing over 1,000 vintage toys and a dazzling operating toy train layout, *Small Wonders* is America's most comprehensive toy train exhibit!

For all three days of the Thanksgiving Weekend, *Santa's Yuletide Express*—pulled by a real steam locomotive—will operate on the Museum's Sacramento Southern Railroad. Brightly decorated trains will feature Santa himself, departing on-the-hour 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento. Children and adults alike are sure to enjoy this magical experience, featuring live entertainment as the train rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River!

Santa's Yuletide Express returns to the rails the second weekend of December (December 9-10), giving families one last chance to greet Santa aboard his own steam train! Brightly decorated trains will depart Saturday and Sunday on-the-hour 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot. This same weekend—and throughout December—"Heritage Holidays" continues throughout Old Sacramento.

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Looking for something fun to do during the holiday season? The California State Railroad Museum is a great place to take visiting relatives—from small children to grandparents. During November and December, don't miss the fine arts exhibition *Railroads and the American Industrial Landscape: Ted Rose Paintings and Photographs*, continuing through January 7. With 100,000 square feet under one roof, a children's activity area, and nearby covered parking, your whole family will enjoy a visit to the Railroad Museum—no matter what the weather!

Train Tickets for *Santa's Yuletide Express* (operating on the above-mentioned dates only) are \$12 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under ride free. With each paid Santa train ticket, same-day admission to the Railroad Museum is included! Admission to the Museum only is \$8 for adults, \$3 youths 6-17, children ages 5 and under free. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645. For more information about Old Sacramento's "Heritage Holidays" event, visit www.oldsacramento.com or call (916) 558-3912. All Aboard for the holidays!

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For updated 24-hour information, call (916) 445-6645 or visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

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